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RELEASE OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telephone Directory has not been released in several States for the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to ensure that Telephone Directory is released well in time and corrigenda to the same is also issued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. There have been delays in releasing telephone directories in Delhi, Mumbai and some of the Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs) in various States in the last two years. The details of SSAs as on 31-12-2004 where Telephone Directories have not been printed during the last two years is given in the Annexure.

(b) The delays in releasing telephone directories in various States are mainly:-

(i) In BSNL, due to Court/Arbitration cases, disputes on tenders and non-availability of contractors for printing directories on royalty basis.

(ii) In MTNL, due to change of directory schedule for three years instead of six years.

(c) The steps taken to ensure timely release of telephone directories are as under:-

(i) In BSNL, the progress of printing of telephone directory is being regularly monitored at Circle and Corporate Level, tenders are being accepted even on negative royalty and all powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers of the Telecom Circles.

(ii) In MTNL, Mumbai, fresh tender is being processed for printing one issue of main directory followed by two supplements in subsequent years.

(iii) In case of MTNL, Delhi, the matter is subjudice in Court of Law.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF CIRCLES – WISE SSAs WHERE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY HAVE NOT PRINTED DURING LAST TWO YEARS.

NAME OF CIRCLE/DISTRICT OF SSAs where directory has not been printed during last 2 years	TOTAL NO. No. of SSAs	
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1. ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1	1
2. ANDHRA PRADESH	22	13
3. ASSAM	7	2

4. BIHAR	18	15
5. JHARKHAND	6	6
6. GUJARAT	17	0
7 HARYANA	9	1
8. HIMACHAL PRADESH	6	1
9. JAMMU & KASHMIR	5	2
10. KARNATAKA	19	7
11. KERALA	11	4
12. MADHYA PRADESH	34	16
13. CHHATTISGARH	6	5
14. MAHARASHTRA	29	7
15. NORTH EAST-I	3	0
16. NORTH EAST-II	3	1
17. ORISSA	13	3
18. PUNJAB	11	0
19. RAJASTHAN	24	20
20. TAMILNADU	18	8
21. U.P (EAST)	33	31
22. U.P (WEST)	16	6
23. UTTARNCHAL	6	1
24. WEST BENGAL	14	7
25. KOLKATA	1	0
26. CHENNAI	1	0
Total for BSNL 333	157	